

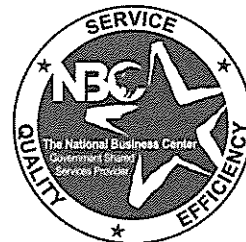


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May 20, 2009

Memorandum

To: Jerry F. Madison, LTC AV AZ ARNG
Darren Mathis, State Aviation Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona
Jim Bredy, Regional Aviation Manager, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
Leon Ben, Fire Management Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Dale Brown, Arizona State Aviation Officer, Arizona State Land Department

From: Gary G. Kunz, Western Region Director, Aviation Management (AM) and
Marsha Kearney, Director Fire and Aviation Management

Subject: Cooperator Approval

Based on USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region and Department of Interior (DOI) AMD training and Operational Readiness Assessment, this Memorandum serves as approval for the Forest Service and DOI to utilize the Arizona Army National Guard (AZARNG) helicopters and pilots listed below for transportation of personnel, water dropping operations, emergency medivac, internal/external cargo, and fire fighting activities in accordance with the following:

Forest Service Manual 5712.34 for pilots and 5713.43 for aircraft
Military Use Handbook (NFES 2175), Chapter 70.2.1
DOI 351 DM 4.4
DOI OPM 06-41
Arizona Interagency Cooperative Fire Management Agreement

To promote safe and efficient helicopter operations, the Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG) will be used as a standard for all missions. The Military Use Handbook also contains information essential in conducting joint operations on Federal incidents.

For fire assignments on USDI and U.S. Forest Service incidents, a Helicopter Manager, Helicopter Coordinator or a Military Liaison will be assigned to assist the flight crew in working with the Incident Management Team. The Helicopter Manager, Coordinator or Liaison will be experienced in fire behavior, aerial firefighting tactics and be appropriately trained and qualified in that position.

An approved pilot in command (PIC) must be in the cockpit and on the controls when transporting USDA and USDI personnel.

Points of Contact for Arizona Army National Guard:

CW5 Anthony Adolf

(602) 267-2796

Approved UH-60 aircraft registration numbers:

87-26001	87-24640	83-23848	82-23695	80-23440	80-23501
80-23490	79-23276	78-22990	78-22988	80-23462	85-24748

Approved Pilots:

CW5 Anthony Adolph	CPT. Joseph Aldrich	CW4 Paul Duff
CW2 Tyler Fricke	Lt. Caleb Grandy	Lt. John Harrison
CW2 Rick Klauer	CW4 Edward Leon	MAJ Todd Rea
CW4 Andrew Smetzer	CW3 Jeffery Winters	CPT. Tim Woods
CW5 Stephen Bourassa	CW5 Charles Decarolis	CW5 Charles Selph
CW2 Benjamin Smith		

Aircrew:

SSG Shane Arnold	SGT. Brandon Badroad	SGT. Steven Dotson
1SG. Saul Garcia	SGT. Roger Gibealt	SFC. Andrew Goettl
SGT. Greg Osbourne	CSM. Patrick Powers	SSG. Brent Bedlar
1SGT. Saul Garcia	SGT. Robert Webb	

*This authorization is for missions within the state of Arizona and associated initial attack zones.


All Department of Interior (DOI) and USFS employees shall wear appropriate personal protective equipment for special use flights.

All DOI flight time is to be documented on an AMD-23, and the notation "Flight time record only – Not for payment purposes" should be placed in the remarks section of the form.

This approval expires June 30, 2010. If a continued requirement is anticipated beyond this period please process this request through your National Aviation office. We are requesting that the Arizona State Land Department provide a copy of this letter to the Arizona Army National Guard Unit and inform them that a copy of this letter must be carried aboard all approved aircraft. If further information is required, please contact Ms. Maria Mancano at (623) 879-0589, myself at (208) 334-9310, or the U.S. Forest Service RAO at 505-842-3359.

On behalf of the USDA Forest Service and DOI Aviation Management and all of our interagency partners in wildland fire management, we thank you for your willingness and availability to assist.

Sincerely,


for Gary G. Kunz Acting
Director, Western Region

Marsha Kearney
Director, Fire and Aviation Management

Cc:

BIA, National Aviation Manager (Kerley)
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USFS, Regional Aviation Officer (Acting, Reese, AM)
AM, Aviation Safety Compliance Specialist (Mancano)